

REMARKS

I. General

Claims 1-19, 21-28, 30-34 and 36-46 were pending in the application. Claims 23-27 and 30-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 1-4, 6-16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 33, 34, 37-40 and 42-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claim 1 is objected to because of an informality. Claims 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 5, 17, 28, 36 and 41 are allowable. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability for claims 5, 17, 28, 36 and 41.

Claims 5, 28 and 36 are canceled in light of amendments to claims 1, 23 and 33. As a result, claims 1-4, 6-19, 21-27, 30-34 and 37-46 will remain pending in the application. Applicant hereby traverses the outstanding rejections and objection and requests reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the remarks and amendments contained herein.

II. Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 5, thereby presenting claim 5 in independent form. Claim 5 is canceled. Claim 17 is rewritten in independent form, to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 23 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 28, thereby presenting claim 28 in independent form. Claim 28 is canceled. Claim 33 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 36, thereby presenting claim 26 in independent form. Claim 36 is canceled. Claim 41 is rewritten in independent form, to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

Claim 1 is also amended to supply an antecedent basis for the term "printer driver" that appears in the dependent claims. Applicant notes that the originally-filed claim 1 recited a "printer driver," and asserts that support for this current amendment to claim 1 can be found in the originally-filed claim 1. No new matter has been entered by this amendment. Claim 1 is further amended, as suggested by the Examiner, to overcome informalities.

III. Objections to the Claims

Claim 1 is objected to because of informalities. The Examiner's suggestion has been adopted. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the objection to claim 1.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 12-14 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Office Action identifies the term "printer driver" as lacking antecedent basis.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a "printer driver," providing proper antecedent basis for claims 12-14. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections of claims 12-14.

V. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 23-27 and 30-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,873,073 to Bresnan et al. ("Bresnan"). Claims 1-4, 6-16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 33, 34, 37-40 and 42-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,628,249 to Cordery et al. ("Cordery") in view of Bresnan.

Although not conceding the merits of the rejections of record, the independent claims have been amended in order to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims. The 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 rejections are therefore moot in light of the independent claims reciting matter that the Examiner considers to be patentable. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 rejections.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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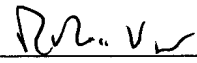
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